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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REDUCTION IN FLIGHTS AT NARITA AIRPORT

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1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED JCAB PLANS TO REDUCE NARITA FLIGHTS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS WE COULD OBTAIN FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES. JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT WORKING LEVEL SEEM TO US TO BE EXCEEDINGLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THESE MEASURES, AND THEIR CONCERN IS BEGINNING TO PUSH ITS WAY TO UPPER LEVELS. EARLY RELIEF WILL DOUBTLESS REQUIRE INCREASE IN RAIL SHIPMENTS OF FUEL, BUT SO FAR JAPANESE ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OPENLY BECAUSE ANY PUBLIC EXPOSURE MIGHT TRIGGER NEGATIVE REACTIONS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OFFICIALS WHO THEN WOULD GRANT NO INCREASE IN RAIL TRAFFIC.

2. WE THINK THAT PRESSURE TO INCREASE FUEL SUPPLIES AT NARITA WILL HAVE TO RISE CONSIDERABLY BEFORE AIRPORT AND COMMUNITY OFFICIALS REACH A NEW AGREEMENT. U.S. CARRIERS CAN HELP THE PROCESS ALONG BY EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN FOR INTERESTS OF PASSENGERS AND SHIPPERS, AS WELL AS FOR THEMSELVES, BUT IT WOULD BE WELL FOR THEM TO AVOID SAYING EXACTLY HOW FUEL SUPPLIES COULD BE INCREASED.

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3. JAPANESE OFFICIALS AT THIS POINT DO NOT WANT TO MINIMIZE THE PROBLEM OR SUGGEST THAT IT CAN EASILY BE SOLVED. ALL OF THE CONSEQUENCES IN YOUR WORST CASE PRESENTATION ARE POSSIBLE, AND WE CAN DISCREETLY LET THE JAPANESE KNOW THAT SUCH EVENTS WOULD HURT ALL CONCERNED, BUT JAPAN MOST OF ALL.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION IF THESE VIEWS ARE SHARED
WITH CARRIERS WHO, WE HOPE, WILL SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST
TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN FOR OVERALL SITUATION AND LEAVE
PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT THAT. MANSFIELD

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